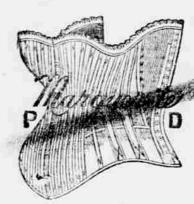
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WACO, TEX., Dec. 30 .- The residence of Mr. Jacob Levinski burned to-night with all its contents. The family was attending the opers. It is supposed a forcible in his methods. He has a large contingent of admirers, who will stay by

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A SOLUTION.

fills' Chances for the Speakership-An Example of the Texan's Persistency. Social Season Dragging. .

Dull Holiday Season.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The city is practically deserted of congressmen and is in holiday attire. With the few exceptions of those who have rented houses here for their present term, Washington is entirely bereft of the national legislators and their families. The present season here is entirely unique, in that there is an almost utter absence of entertainments. In previous years the holiday season has been replete with festivities of every character, and those who are "in the swim" have been kept busy in keeping up with the social tide. Speaking of Christmas, Delegate Joseph of New Mexico, said: "The people in my territory are mostly Catholies, and of course the occasion is calebrated with good deal of elaboration in the churches. It is a social day-a day in which the family is especially interested. Everybody gives presents, the children particularly , being remembered . Even the Pueblo Indians celebrate the day by dances and feasting. Nearly all the houses have private altare, and these altars will be decorated with a profusion of flowers and growing plants. Flowers are plentiful in the open air at this season; everything is in full bloom and the temperature at Christmas time is in the neighborhood of 40 degs. If it got down to 30 we would think it very cold. New Mexico has no dish that could be called a Christmas dish, but we have lots of game and plenty of edible vegetation. Our Christmas is entirely devoid of skating or sleigh-riding, but we enjoy ourselves nevertheless.''

HAS THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET. enator Butler of South Carolina has own down the gauntlet to the Republican party, but they will probably not pick it up. His proposition to disfranchise the negro and reduce the Southern representation in congress is in the right direction and will give the Republicans an opportunity to accomplish peaceably what they are attempting to do with the infamous force bill. How much better it would be to destroy the negro, politically, than to force him to vote at the point of the bayonet. The proposition, of course, does not meet with Republican sympathy, but the Southern members are, as a rule, in favor of it. To eliminate the negro and ccept the reduced representation would be a happy solution of a vexing problem. Congressman Mills says that the question does not concern him personally as there are only 70,000 negroes in his state. But he says that the Republican party negro, even if the Southern representation was decreased thereby. If the col-ored vote was eliminated, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and other states would be Democratic, for the simple reason that the Republican majority in those states is less than the colored vote. Michigan, Connecticut and Massachusetts would also be doubtful Republican states.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.
In about a year there will be a Democratic house and a Democratic speaker. It is of course now too early to say who may secure the coveted prize, but there are many Richmonds in the field ready for the fray. That the contest will be a close one, no one can predict. The South has by far the greatest number of candidates, but the West is, as usual, in with her claim. One feature of this question must not be overlooked, and that is the vice-presidential candidate must come from the West, and in all probability it will be Gray, of Indiana, or some other Indiana Democrat. This of course would dispose of Bynum as a speakership possibility, and it would also materially decrease Springer's chance. In Ohio there is Outhwaite, but he is rather a small figure and it is believed he would not have any show. So then, elimi-nating the West and the East, which has not as yet presented any name of prominence, the South would naturally fall heir to the speakership. She presents Mills, Crisp, Blount, Breckin-ridge, (Kentucky) and McMillin. Georgia, of course, must sacrifice one of her sons, and the probabilities are his name is Blount. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, is really too old for the chair, so that the most available men left would be Mills, McMillin and Crisp.

The Texas candidate is of course supported by the state delegation, and his

following is considerable in other states. Everyone concedes his worth and his services to his party, and everyone likewise knows that Mills is

NOT VERY POLITIC.

If he were more so he would have more friends, but he has never been intimate in his friendships. Another trait in Mills' character is doggedness. When he has decided upon a course nothing can swerve him, even when he knows he is in the wrong. An instance of this is recalled in the last congress when, as leader of the house, he attempted to adjourn that body from Friday until Monday, but was beaten in the attempt by Hatch of Missouri, because Mills would not give the latter his reason for adjourning, while Hatch had an important bill from the agricultural committee he desired to get through. He succeeded, the house standing by him. This accomplished Hatch turned to Mills and said: "Now,

will help you adjourn the house. "
"No you won't, " said Mills, "you'll adjourn it yourself; " and Hatch did so. This is a fair example of Mills' persistency. He never palliates and seldom compremises. He is tenacious of purpose, and often carries this tenacity too far. It is this that will burt him in the speakership contest. He is not sufficiently warm-hearted to attract friendship, and

lacks political diplomacy.

Crisp is a strong man and is a better

McMillin is young, aggressive, able, and has had a large legislative experience. He will draw largely from the Middle and Southern states, but it is doubtful if he can command sufficient strength from other sections to give him the number of votes necessary to secure an election. However, the contest is far distant and all kinds of combinations are possible between now and then.

Wolcott of Colorado on the Force Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Senator Wolcott of Colorado to-day followed the lead of Senator Stewart and delivered a strong and admirable speech is opposi-tion to the force bill. Mr. Wolcott is one of the younger members of the senate, but he is a finished and impressive speaker, and what he said to-ddy was all the more effective because of its elevated patriotic tone and entire frankness. He was listened to with closest attention.

When it became known that Senator Hoar had finished and the Colorado senator had begun to speak, many Republican senators who were in the cloakcome hurried into the chamber to listen. At the conclusion of his remarks it was noticeable that a number of Republican senators did not hesitate to congratulate their colleague from Colorado, although be attacked the force bill. Among them were Dawes and Washburn of Minnesota, Teller of Colorado and Plumb of Kansas. Mr. Wolcott declared that the elections bill was

AN UNPATRIOTIC MEASURE. Even the South, he said, was slowly emerging into the light of prosperity, developing its great resources and solvwhich confronted its people after the war. It was wrong to interfere with this development by Federal interference in the affairs of the states, which would revive the bitter feeling and arrest the good work now under way. There were many grave objections to the elections bill, but the gravest of all was the objection that it involved an interference in state affairs by the Federal authorities, which was contrary to the usages of 100 years, and to the spirit of American institutions. He said that

HAD A TASTE OF IT in Colorado not long ago, to the disgust of the men of both parties, and they wanted no more of it. The senator also declared that if the Chinese, for instance, were in the majority in Colorado, means would be found by the whites of the state to prevent them from voting. Senator Teller later practically gave notice that he was prepared to vote against the bill.

Altogether, it was a day of small comfort to Mr. Hoar. Senator Reagan made a strong speech against the bill.

A Big Concession Special to the Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The bureau of American republics has information that the president of Mexico has approved the bill recently passed by the Mexican congress admitting corn from the United States free of duty. This is a very large concession, as the duty heretofore has been I cent per kilogram, or about 1/2 cent per pound.

Texas Patents Granted.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- List of patents for Texas: Snap hook, Don B. Adams, Fort Worth; wire stretcher, John Burdock, Fort Elilott; typewriting machine, Gilbert Depuy, Garland; fire extin-gusher, Wiley S. Nuller, Orange; tract carrier, Thomas J. Harbour, Markley; typewriter for the blind, Lizzie Streshley, Austin; reamer well drill and tongs, William R. Welke, Oak Cliff.

Blow at the Cloture Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Senator Reagan to-day struck the first blow on behalf of the Democratic senators at the cloture resolution offered by Senator Aldrich by giving notice of several amendments intended to be proposed by him to the resolution when it is taken up for consideration. The general effect of the amendments is to enlarge the opportunities to prevent the abrupt closure of

Commercial Travelers M est.

Sr. Louis, Mb., Dec. So .- The annual meeting of the Western commermercial travelers' association was called to order to-day at the Lindell hotel by President Bannerman. After the re-port of the secretary, treasurer and finance committee were rendered the following officers were elected: President, James Bannerman, St. Louis; vice-president, William J. Kenseller, St. Louis; second vice-president, Samuel B. Hopkins, Dallas, Texas; third vice-president, William E. Clark, Kansas City, Mo.; fourth vice-president, George H. Randall, Brooklyn, N. Y.; fifth vice-president, Harry Clemmer, Memphis, Tenn.; sixth vice-president, Phil Trounstine, Denver, Colo. The board of directors who were also elected will elect the secretary and treasurer.

Smallpox at Galveston. Special to the Gazette.

GALVESTON, TEX., Dec. 30 .- To-day a case of well-developed smallpox was discovered in the eastern part of the city. The patient is a negro boy named Moore, recently from Houston. The city health physician has isolated the case and taken every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease and stamp it out.

Death-Dealing Electricity. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—Samuel Kerns, a young man, was killed this morning by the current of an electric

wire passing through his body.

For Robbing Letter Boxes. NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- A man giving the name of George Huttlemair was arrested last night on suspicion of being a member of the gang which has for some time been robbing letter boxes. Taken to the station house the prisoner made a full confession. Several notes, bonds and drafts, representing over \$300,000, were found secreted about his person. They

were of no value to him, but quite a loss

THE INDIANS.

Particulars of Monday's Battle With Big Foot's Hostiles.

Twenty-Five Soldiers Killed and Thirty-Four Wounded-Over Three Hundred Indians Killed.

Among Troops, Indians and Settlers. Probabilities of a Merry Wind Up.

COL. FORSYTHE'S LOSS.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 30 .- Col. Forsythe reached Pine Ridge agency this morning with the Seventh cavairy and the surviving prisoners. He reports twentyfive of his men killed and thirty-four wounded in the fight on Porcupine creek. Gen. Brooke has since the fight reoked his order for the troops to carry prisoners south under guard. There is only a remuant left.

THIRTY MORE GOOD INDIANS. RUSHVILLE, NEB., Dec. 30 .- At daybreak this morning thirty Indians belonging to Two Strikes' band tried to espture the provision train of the Ninth cavalry two miles from Pine Ridge. The

Indians were all killied. The remains of Capt. Wallace arrived here to-day at noon. The body will be sent to Fort Robinson.

People are flocking into town by the hundreds from the territory bordering on the reservation.

SHOOTING AT LONG RANGE.

RUSHVILLE, NEB., Dec. 30 .- A seattering fire at long range was kept up last night between Two Strikes' band from the heights northwest of the agency and troops. This commenced upon the arrival of the Ninth cavalry troops from Col. Henry's command in the Bad Lands. The casualties thus far reported are one soldier killed and one wounded.

At 4 o'clock this morning an attempt was made by Two Strikes' band to capture the Seventh cavalry supply train returning from the scene of yesterday's battle at Wounded Knee. Upon hearing the shots the troops made a dash, routed the reds and killed thirty-three of them.

In response to signal lights sent up ast night hundreds of settlers took refuge in the churches and court

Bitter feeling prevails at Pine Ridge. CAPT. GEORGE D. WALLACE, DECE ASED. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—Capt. George D. Wallace, who was killed yesterday in the fight against Big Foot's band, was well known in this city, and was popular wherever he was known. In the fall of 1887 he was ordered to Jefferson Barracks, where he was placed in command of troops, which position he retained until after the fall 1889. Capt. Wallace was a native of South Carolina, and in 1869 he received an appointment to the United States military academy. assigned to the Seventh cavalry, with the rank of second lieutenant. served with his through several Indian campaigns, and was present at Custer's fatal fight on the

Little Big Horn in 1876, being attached to Reno's command. Casualties in his regiment gave him his promotion to the rank of first lieutenaut, and in September, 1885, he received his commission as eaptain, being next to the youngest officer of his rank in his regiment. GEN. BROOKE'S REPORT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Gen. Schofield this afternoon received a dispatch from Gen. Miles, dated Hermosa, S.D., December 30, as follows: Gen. Brooke telegraphs as follows:

Col. Forsythe says sixty-two dead Indian men were counted on the plain where the movement was made to disarm Big Foot's band where the fight began. other parts of the ground there were eighteeen more. These do not include those killed in the ravines. where the dead warriors were seen but not counted. Six were brought in badly wounded and six others were with a party of twenty-three men and women whom Capt. Jackson had to abandon when attacked by about 150 Indians from the agency. This accounts for ninety-two men killed and leaves but a few alive and unhurt. The women and children broke for the hills when the fight commenced, and comparatively few of them were hurt and few brought in. Thirty-nine are here, of which number twenty-one are wounded. Had it not been for the attack by the brutes an accurate count could have been made, but the ravines were not searched afterward. I think this shows very little apprehension from Big Foot's band in the future. A party of forty is reported as held by scouts at the head of Mexican creek. These consist of all sizes and the cavalry from Rose Bud will bring them in if it is true. (Signed) JOHN R. BROOKE.

These Indians under Big Foot were mong the most desperate. There were thirty-eight, the remainder of Sitting Bull's followers who joined Big Foot in Cheyenne, and thirty that broke away from Hump's following when he took his band and Sitting Bull's Indians to Fort Bennett, making in all 160 warriors. Before leaving their camps on Fort Cheyenne River they cut up their harness and broke their wagons and started south for the Bad Lands, evidently intending not to return, but to go to war. The troops were placed between them and the Bad Lands and they never succeeded in joining the hostiles there. All their movements were auticipated and their severe loss at the hands of the Seventh cavalry may be a wholesome lesson to other Sioux. (Signed)

BRIG.-GEN. STANLEY'S OPINION.

Special to the Gzzette.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 30 .- Brig .-Gen. Stanley, who spent eight years among the Sloux, thinks a war will follow the fight at Wounded Knee, as it only required bloodshed to arouse the Indians. He was in the City of Mexico when Sitting Bull was killed, and returned immediately, as he believed that trouble would ensue. Speaking of the the accused.

Indians, he said that if once they smell blood they could not be restrained. Au Indian will enlist as a scout to fight other Indians, and be ready after his term of service expires to fight the scouts as soon as the troops begin to disarm the hostile. He added, "They will fight, for it is worse than death to an Indian to take away his weapons or put him in the guardhouse."

For this reason he does not believe that the fight begun by Big Foot's band was premeditated, but relieving them of their arms was too much for their pride. The Fifth infautry of this department, which has been held in readiness for a month to go to the front, will probably te ordered to move at once. The order is being awaited.

THE HOSTILES EXCITED.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from Pine Ridge agency received this morning says: "News of the battle at Wounded Knee excited the Indians at the agency in an alarming manner. The entire camp was in commotion, and restless young bucks at once took to the apparently eager for the fray. Even the most local of the Indians were affected, and couriers themselves seemed eager for blood. It was not long before desultory firing was heard near the

Little Wounds' men have fled to the range north of here toward Two Strikes, and both gangs are

PREPARING TO ATTACK THE AGENCY. The firing last night was between nolice and Two Strikes' band. here are mfantry under Maj. Wheatou, with one Gatling, four howitzers and one camped about the agency building. If those Indians revolt it would not take them long to wipe out the handful of infautry men from Omaha and massacre the entire camp. Every building at the agency is built of wood, and after looting the traders' stores and government store houses, the Indians could complete their work in short order by applying the torch. People who can leave the agency

are doing so as rapidly as possible. AN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 30 .- The commissioner of Indian affairs this morning received the following dispatch from Agent Reyer, dated Pine Ridge Indian agency, December 29: "On Wounded Knee creek this morning while the soldiers were disarming Big Foot and his band to surrender, a fight took place which resulted in the killing of about 300 Indians and several soldiers, including Capt. Wallace, with a number wounded. Two Strikes and his party, who were camped in the White Clay country just below Red Cloud's house, opened fire on 'the ugency from hill to hili opposite the boarding school, wounding two soldiers. The police returned the fire, killing two of Two Strikes' Indians and wounding two others. Two Strikes and his band have retreated in a northwesterly direction from the agency, and it is supposed he is trying to make his way back to the Bad Lands. Thus far Pine Ridge Indians have taken no active part in the war, but Big Foot, Slow Bear, Attacking Bear and Two Strikes' bands have been and are active in the disturbance. "

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON .

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The president having expressed a desire to be kept constantly informed of the Indian campaign, Secretary Proctor made him an early visit this morning, taking with him copies of all dispatches recently received from the Indian country, including those with Big Foot's band, which resulted in the death of Capt, Wallace and his men. Some surprise is expressed that no dispatches giving additional particulars were received this morning, but it is expected that further news will be received later in the day. The president and secretary of war regret very much the fatal occurrence of yesterday morning, as it had been their polley from the first to settle the question without bloodshed or

violence of any kind if possible, Secretary Proctor was with the prosident about an hour, and then returned to the war department. In the absence of official details regarding yesterday's engagement he has declined to talk about it. He said, however, that leasmuch as Gen. Miles has already been given ample discretionary power to act in emergency, it is not now necessary

He subsequently conferred with Gen. Schoffeld, and it was concluded that no action was necessary to-day at this end of the line. Schofield will add nothing to what he said last night, that the treachery of Indians leading to the skirmish was to have been expected.

KILLED AND WOUNDED.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Dec. 30 .- According to the latest available reports the list of dead and wounded in vesterday's pattle at Wounded Knee creek is

as follows: Killed-Captain Wallace, commander

of K troop; Private Cook, B troop. Wounded: Father Krafts, a Catholic priest, mortally; Private Frank Lewis, B troop; Stone, private; Private Sullivan, K troop; S. F. Smith, K troop; Corporal Clifton, K troop; Davis, Hazalwood, Toohey, Lieut. Garlington, Sergt. Floyd, Interpreter P. F. Wells, Lieut. Mirzie, Trumpeter James Choidersen, mortally; Sergt. Camelle, Private Setter, troop A; Sergt. Dyer, H.O. Duncan, Geo. H. Knell, K troop; Sergt. Ward, B troop; Sergt. Hotchkiss, mor-tally; Hippacook, I troop; Private Adams, K troop; Corporal Newells, B troop; Capt. Merlin Mile, mortally; Sergt. Campbell, wounded in the mouth; Davis, troop R, shot in the arm; Dun-

can, troop A, wounded in the head.

Capt. Wallace and seven troopers are reported killed and twenty or thirty men wounded. Forsythe's camp is an unsafe place just at present, but reinforcements are being sent to bim. Capt. Wallace was a famous Indian fighter and was considered one of the best officers in this campaign. Lieut. Garlington, who was reported killed, is one of the famous Artic explorers. Big Foot's band is almost entirely exterminated, but Big Foot ea-

Charged with the Utopia Murder.

UVALDE, TEX., Dec. 30 .- Sheriff Baylor has returned from Utopia, where he has been investigating the murder of S. M. Holmes by a burglar. He arrested Logan Biggs for the orime, and he will have an examining trial to-morrow. The evidence is all oircumstantial against

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Residence and Contents in Ashes. Epecial to the Gazetta.

lamp burning dimly exploded. The loss is \$12,000, covered by insurance. Levinski is a wholesale and retail jeweler. Crisp is a strong man and is a better found secreted parliamentarian than Mills. He is, were of no value vinski is a wholesale and retail jeweler.